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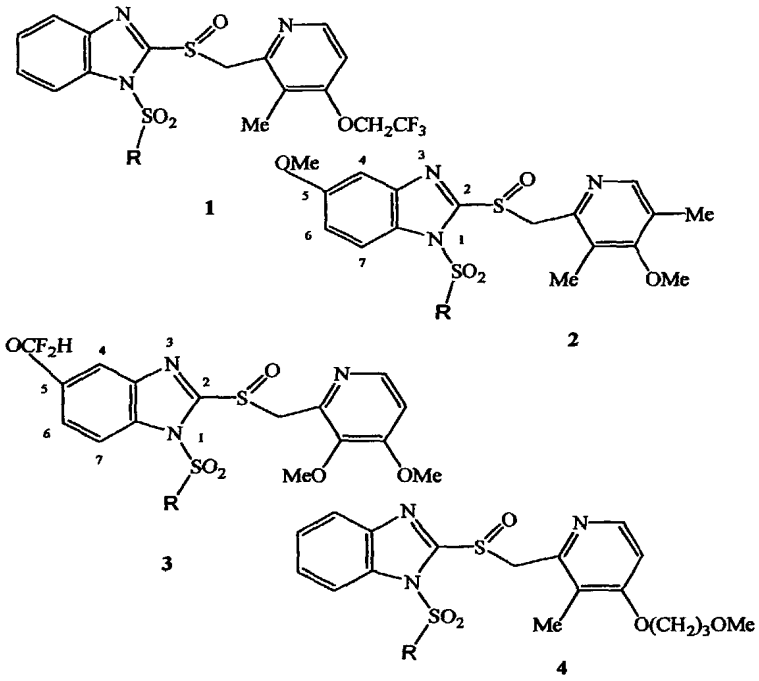

(57) Abstract: Prodrugs of proton pump inhibitors of Formulas 1 through 4, (I-IV), where the symbols are as defined in the specification, and the R group includes at least one acidic group or its pharmaceutically acceptable salt, have improved aqueous solubility and bioavailability.

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